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Dear Bill:

Congratulations on your good sense in moving back to Crossville on retirement. The names Calhoun and French are both prominent indeed in the early history of Crossville (I moved there in 1941), which was too late to actually know many of the pioneers there. However it was long enough ago to get a passing mention in Judge Etheridge's book. In fact he was a friend of mine, and a valued one.

It must have been more than 20 years ago that the DAR took on the project of gathering information on the cemeteries of Ashley County. I saw their book in the Ashley County library and realized that I knew the locations of many burying places they missed. I guided them to several which were added to their list by way of a typed addenda in their book. Then as I got more interested I described the location of several isolated stones I found. These were documented by loose notes simply stuck into their book in the library.

The DAR book was kept in a small genealogy workshop room in the rear of the Ashley County library.

I would be interested in seeing this information kept permanently somewhere. I do not have any records of my own of the places I documented back then. I believe I know every burying place in the county however, except some that do not have markers, and I know some of them.

I would be interested in working out some plan that would make the record complete. One fear I have is that some of the places I know of may have been so changed by time that I could not find them again. I know of one place where a soybean farmer just pushed a couple of stones off into the bayou to get them out of his way.

Let's see what we can work up.

Gordon Hartwick

Would you be interested in copies of stuff like a letter written in Swedish by Frank Otto Erickson who ran a river boat & lived in Sulfur Springs & Petersberg? I have stuff I'll never use now that I've retired to the hills.

Maybe the enclosed map is new to you. Don't lose it. It has the only record I have of some of the streams I found

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Grave marked

BOLLIN BARHAM 1837 - 1894

also buried here (no markers)
his wife Mary Clinton Barham
his daughter Missy Barham

Burial originally was beside the fence close
to the house. A generation of trees has
grown up and been harvested and the
fields and houses have now
from the rest of the forest.

Location: From the gravel intersection
just outside the entrance to the Lake GP
campground and use area, go south 0.4 miles.
At this point the old community road
crosses and is still open and recognizable.
Turn west 600 feet down the old road
to a blazed tree on the right (north)
edge of road. Turn north 100 feet. Grave
has been marked with a steel plate
in a concrete base.

The house never had a well. Now below
is the Barham spring which still
flows clear pure and plentifully.

SECTION PLAT SHEET

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